

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:  
a top sheet positioned in a face which is adapted to be  
brought into contact with a human body;

a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the  
5 top sheet and is adapted to be brought into contact with  
underwear; and

an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the  
back sheet;

wherein the back sheet includes a colored area, and ~~the~~  
10 ~~absorbent article itself at the colored area has a light~~  
~~transmittance that allows light outputted from an optical sensor~~  
~~to be transmitted therethrough in a thickness direction; and~~

wherein ~~the~~ a light transmittance of light transmitted  
through the absorbent article itself, including all three of the  
15 top sheet, the colored area of the back sheet, and the absorbent  
body ~~, at the colored area is at least 15% in the thickness~~  
direction.

2. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:  
a top sheet positioned in a face which is adapted to be  
brought into contact with a human body;

a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the  
5 top sheet and is adapted to be brought into contact with  
underwear; and

an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the  
back sheet;

wherein the back sheet includes a colored area and a  
10 non-colored area, and ~~an inspection portion which transmits light~~  
~~outputted from an optical sensor for inspection is provided in~~  
~~the non-colored area; and~~

wherein a light transmittance of light transmitted through  
~~the absorbent article itself, including all three of the top~~  
15 sheet, the non-colored area of the back sheet, and the absorbent  
body, ~~at the inspection portion is at least 15% in a thickness~~  
~~direction.~~

Claim 3 (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according  
to claim 1, wherein an identification to identify a front-rear  
orientation of the absorbent article is provided in the colored  
area.

5. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according  
to claim 2, wherein an identification to identify a front-rear  
orientation of the absorbent article is provided in the colored  
area.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the light transmittance ~~of the absorbent article itself at the colored area~~ is 15% to 80% ~~in the thickness direction~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the light transmittance ~~of the absorbent article itself at the inspection portion~~ is 15% to 80% ~~in the thickness direction~~.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the light transmittance ~~of the absorbent article itself at the colored area~~ is 15% to 55% ~~in the thickness direction~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the light transmittance ~~of the absorbent article itself at the inspection portion~~ is 15% to 55% ~~in the thickness direction~~.

Claim 12 (Canceled).